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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	7817	Agenda Number	14.
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Meeting Date:	August 4, 2011
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 28-month professional services agreement with GATEWAY PLANNING GROUP, Fort Worth, TX, to provide planning and implementation services related to the Sustainable Communities Analytical Tool in an amount not to exceed \$83,040.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Special Revenue Fund of Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Professional Services
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Prior Council Action:	May 12, 2011- Approved acceptance of the HUD Grant
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For More Information:	Mick Osborne, Specialist Sr. Buyer/974-2995
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for planning and implementation services related to the Sustainable Communities Analytical Tool. Gateway Planning Group will assist the City in its effort to:

- Coordinate the IBM Analytics Tool development in terms of substantive areas of effective tool impact regionally and in terms of Austin's proposed outcomes, utilization of adequate and representative subject matter experts, and long term acceptance and utilization by all regional partners across Central Texas to assure maximum effectiveness of the tool once it is deployed and refined.
- Support the selection of appropriate Activity Centers and implementation processes for outcomes in terms of leveraging near-term job opportunities, regional partnerships for joint infrastructure investment, and the long term success of the regional sustainable development strategy underlying the Federal Partnership between Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the United States Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Initiate on behalf of Austin and the Central Texas Region a demonstration policy preference for federal funding and credit supports for housing through pertinent HUD programs where discretionary resources have already been allocated for the HUD Region in order to align core HUD funding programs with the Capital Area Texas Sustainability (CATS) Consortium Initiative. The Consortium consists of CAPCOG, CAMPO, the City of Austin, and Envision Central Texas.

Gateway has won numerous awards in the area of regional planning including the 2009 TxAPA Current Planning Award for the Heart of Hutto Master Plan, the 2009 CLIDE Award for the McKinney Town Center Study, and the First Annual Driehaus Form-Base Code Award from the 15th Congress for New Urbanism.